



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS DOWN 7%

For the week ending Feb 14, 2004, growers placed 11.1 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 6.9% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.1 million) decreased 6.9% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.8 million, an increase of 4.7% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.97 million for the week ending Feb 07, 2004 compared to 11.3 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
12/20/03	14,322	13,719	12,011	11,507	12,011	11,507
12/27/03	14,316	13,621	11,830	11,278	11,830	11,278
01/03/04	14,357	13,595	11,810	11,385	11,810	11,385
01/10/04	14,432	13,634	11,692	11,233	11,694	11,233
01/17/04	14,339	13,755	11,592	11,151	11,593	11,151
01/24/04	14,404	13,656	11,741	11,217	11,743	11,217
01/31/04	14,662	13,432	11,744	11,194	11,744	11,194
02/07/04	14,547	13,489	11,787	11,340	11,790	11,340
02/14/04	13,226	13,842	11,870	11,051	11,871	11,052

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	02/21/04			
New York Weighted Avg	76.36	76.67	67.58	54.74
12-City Composite 2/	74.51	75.41	67.70	60.86

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.